

## Program Highlights 2007

### Innovative Outreach Event

From July 12 to July 15, the International Academic Center had a stand at the EXIT-FEST, the largest music concert in the Balkans. Crowd estimates were at more than 100,000 young people from all over Europe. During that time, IAC was able to promote EducationUSA to young people throughout Europe.



### Working with US Institutions

On November 1, the International Academic Center hosted a Mini-College Fair. Colorado College, Grinnell, Kenyon, and Oberlin were all in attendance. The event was kicked off with a breakfast for the representatives who were joined by the 7 IAC undergraduate students currently in the center's mentoring program, a project that provides one to one mentoring by a Serb who has successfully completed university studies in the USA. US Embassy: Nikolas Trendowski from consular, Susan Delja the Cultural Attaché, and Marija Bjelopetrov, from the Public Affairs Section also attended.



### Key EducationUSA Partners

- ▶ Student Union of Serbia
- ▶ IDEAS – student work travel program organized by students
- ▶ US Embassy, Public Affairs Section
- ▶ American University in Bulgaria
- ▶ Marshall Center Alumni Association of Serbia
- ▶ American Councils for International Education: ACTR/ACCELS

Country Statistics	2006	2007
Number of students in the US:	971**	1,074
Total number of inquiries:	23,312	32,081
The total \$ amount of financial aid students of IAC received (direct university aid):	600,112	1.677 million
Average amount of financial aid per student [\$]:	13,336	31,063

\*\* These numbers were reported in the former combined state of Serbia and Montenegro.

# Serbia\*

## Advising Center Network

A full range of services are available at the International Academic Center: group advising at both the undergraduate and graduate level, a reference library, workshops and presentations, a computer lab, educational fairs, bulletins, assistance with test registration, Official TOEFL and GMAT testing services, outreach programs, pre-departure orientations, a student forum, as well as member services that include TOEFL, SAT, GRE, and GMAT preparation, personal statement seminars, and one to one advising services.

## Recent Trends: US Study ↑ 10.6%

- ▶ The number of students from Serbia at US Colleges and Universities has increased. In fact, with Montenegro reporting separately in 2007, the increase may be more substantial than is reflected in IIE Open Doors.
- ▶ A majority of students planning study abroad consider the US to be their first choice, but the Bologna process combined with lucrative financial aid opportunities could exert influence on student choices in the near future, especially for undergraduates due to financial aid limitations in the US.
- ▶ Fields of study most inquired: undergraduates – economics 25%, humanities 18.3%, sciences 12.5%; transfers – economics 25.6%, humanities 20.5%, computer science 15.4%; graduates – social sciences/humanities 25.5%, economics 24.5%, engineering 13.2%.
- ▶ Common sports: basketball, tennis, water polo, volleyball, soccer, rowing.

## Resource Links

International Academic Center: [www.iacbg.org](http://www.iacbg.org)

Ministry of Education: [www.min.edu.yu/index\\_e.html](http://www.min.edu.yu/index_e.html)

## Education System Overview

	Secondary Education	Higher Education (Bachelor's Degree)
Language of instruction:	Serbian	Serbian
Years of study required:	3 years (for apprenticeship) 4 years (for a high school diploma)	4 years
Grading system & US equivalent:	1-5 (with 5 being the highest mark)	6-10 (10 is the highest mark)
Scholarship for US studies:	America-Serbia and Montenegro Youth Leadership Exchange Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• American Councils P4L – Partnerships for Learning Undergraduate Program</li> <li>• Open Society Institute Undergraduate Exchange Program</li> </ul>

## Upcoming Events 2008-2009

- ▶ IAC, with the support of ECA is creating a student database that allows international students from all over the world to enter their information. Colleges and university officials, including coaching staff will be able to purchase a password and use a wide variety of search features to locate students that will enrich their programs.
- ▶ IAC enables representation at educational fairs and outreach events. Institutional banners and links can be included on the IAC website. Contact IAC.
- ▶ Send your Serbian Alumni to IAC during winter and summer breaks to be informed about networking activities, as well as have the opportunity to engage in the IAC Alumni Network.

## Partnering with EducationUSA Serbia

US international education experts are welcome to contact the educational advising team in Serbia to discuss specific project ideas, and their involvement as guest speakers and/or co-organizers.

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\* In Partnership with the US Embassy, EducationUSA will begin advising in Montenegro in 2008. Contact REAC via [reac@fulbright.de](mailto:reac@fulbright.de) for details.